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THE PROCEEDINGS

ON THE

King and Queens Commissions

OF THE

Peace, and Oyer and Terminer, and Gaol-Delivery of Newgate, held for the CITY of London, and COUNTY of Middlesex, at Justice-Hall in the OLD-BAYLY.

On Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, being the 9th, 10th, and 11th. Days of December, 1691. And in the Third Year of their MAJESTIES Reign.

THE Sessions of Peace, Oyer and Terminer, Goal Delivery of Newgate, held at Justice-Hall in the Old-Bayly, On Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, being the 9th. 10th. and 11th. Days of December, 1691. before the Right Honourable Sir Thomas Stamp, Kt. Lord Mayor of the City of London, and Mr. Deputy Recorder, with several others of Their Majesties Justices for the City of London, and County of Middlesex.

The Proceedings were these :

Francis Exhall, was Tryed for Stealing Three Black Cows from one William Greentree, on the 13th. of November Last ; out of his Gtounds at Bagshot ; which the Prisoner confessed when taken, being found in Water Lane, but he denied it in his Tryal; saying that he met a Man upon the Road, who gave him half a Crown to drive them to London ; but that was but a Frivulous Excuse ; so he was found Guilty of Felony.

Elizabeth Smith, was Indicted, for Stealing, Twenty two Yards of Bone Lace, Value 3 l. 4 s. from Rose Jeeve; on the 3d. of September last; she came to Mrs. Jeeves Shop, in Bow-Lane, to Cheapen some Goods, and took away the Lace; and she coming by the Prosecutors Door about a Week after, was taken; The Prisoner denied the Fact; and called some Witnesses, and there was but one evidence against her, who might be mistaken in the party, she was acquitted.

B——G——, of the County of Denbigh Gentlewoman, Anne Richardson, and Jane Bromley of Westminster, were all Three Indicted; B——G—— as Principle, and the two latter as Accessary, for the Murder of Mrs. B——G——s Female Infant, on the 4th. of November last: The Evidence for the King Deposed, that the Child was found Dead, lying in a Vault, in some Old Ruined Houses, in Park-Street at Westminster, being a most amazing Spectacle, having no Covering about it; and its Tongue forced out of the Mouth, which was done by great Violence; it was further declared,

The Jurors were as follows.

London Jury.
Anthony Lamson.
John Hamden.
Thomas Fletcher.
John Perry.
John Mayen.
Jeremiah Lammas.
John Andrews.
Henry Watts.
Robert Dunn.
John Sanford.
Thomas Ford.
Samuel Webb.

Middlesex Jury.
Thomas Harris.
Henry Gerrard.
William Parkinson.
Francis Gotobed.
Richard Smith.
Michael Lucas.
Ambrose Hemborrow.
Henry Jones.
John Collins.
John Preston.
William Silkcock.
Thomas Nichols.

by a person of Quality, with whom Mrs. B. had lived, that she complained of the Gripes, and took a Coach and went abroad, and after this it was proved by others, that she was Deliver'd at *Richardson's* House, at *Westminster*, and that *Richardson* and *Bromley* carried the Child after it was Born, to the place above said, and that B. owned it to be hers; but there was no Evidence, that could Charge her to have offered any Violence to the Child, and *Richardson* and *Bromley* came to her after she was Deliver'd, and found the Child Dead, but whether born alive or no, could not be found; and the Prisoner Mrs B. had made provision for her lying in; So in the End they were all Acquitted.

Mary Mott, Tryed for killing her Male Infant Bastard Child, at *Stepney*, on the 21st day of *October* last; the Evidence Swore, that the Child was found Dead, lying in a Gutter, on the 21st day of *October* last, and that *Richard Bromley*, who declared, that he being Topping some Chimneys, saw the Child lying in the Gutter, on the Top of the house; and she owned the Child to be hers, and could not prove that it was still born, as she alledged; so she was found Guilty of willful Murder.

William Good, of *Stepney*, was Tryed for a Robbery on the High Way, committed upon the Body of one *William Wilson*, on the 3rd of this instant *December*, taking from him, a Dapper Napkin Value 12^d. Twelve Larks, Two Ducks, and an Embroidered Waistcoat: The Prisoner, and one *Richard White* not taken, met the Prosecutors, between *Hackney* and *London*, about seven a Clock at Night; and violently seized him and took away the Goods, which was very plainly proved; and by the Assistance of another person, that happened to come by; the Prisoner was taken, but *White* got away: The Prisoner denied it; and said he was in Drink, but that was nothing for his Credit; he was found Guilty of the Robbery.

Anne Sampson, alias *Parker*, was Tryed for Felony and Burglary, in breaking the house of *Zacharias Wisdom*, on the first of *November* last, taking away Four Loyns of Potk, one pint of Brandy, and two Quart Glasse Bottles of Ale: The Prisoner was a Servant to Mr. *Wisdom*, and the Cellar Window was broke open, the Goods gone; and she was found afterwards in the Round House: She confessed the taking the Goods when before the Justice; but the Law being tender, where the person steals any manner of Victuals for meer necessity, she was not found Guilty of any Burglary; besides the Prosecutor could not be positive that the Cellar Window was Lockt, so she was only found guilty of the Felony, to the Value of 10^s.

James J. J. was tryed for stealing 20 yards of stripe Silk, value 7^s. and 24 yards of other stripe Silk, value 5^s. 8^d. on the 17th day of *October* last; the Goods of *William Waller*, who said, that he lost the Silk out of his Shop at *Ludgate-hill*, and afterwards it was sold to one Mr. *Waller* in *Southwark*, where it was found and owned by the Prosecutor to be his Silk; the Prisoner said, that he bought the Silk of a Woman, near *Tower-hill*, but could not prove it, so he was found Guilty.

Mary Jones, of *St. Dunstons Cripple gate*, was tryed for stealing 42 yards of Gold and Silver Lace, value 18^l. on the 26 day of *November* last, the Prisoner (to put a better colour upon her design) came to the Prosecutors Shop in a Sedan; and after having changed several pieces of Lace, she took away the piece of Lace above said, and the next day she was found in another Shop playing the same prank; when being apprehended, she confessed the Fact, but denied it upon the Tryal: she was found guilty of Felony.

Fane Bridgeman was Indicted for that she together with *Mary Rubey*, *Mary Davies* and *Elizabeth Reynolds* did make an Assault upon one *John Farmer*, in the Kings High-way, and robbed him of a Silver Spoon, a Razor and divers other small things, besides 5^s. in Money; but no Evidence appearing against her, she was Acquitted.

John Hop of the Parish of *St. James Westminster* Butcher, was indicted and tryed for the Murder of *Robert Trevelyan*, a Boy about 8 or 9 years old, on the 10th of *November* last, giving him several desperate stripes with a whip and a Ropes end; upon the Face, Neck, Head, Breast, Back, Shoulders, short Ribs and Belly, &c. of which beating and unnatural Usage, he lived languishing till the 24th day of the same Month, and then dyed; The Evidence declared, That the Boy was beaten in a most horrid manner, and much bruised with the violence of the strokes, and his Head was swelled almost as big as two; the doctor, on his crudding of him, that he was grounded upon the suspicion he said, that the Boy had stole a Silver Spoon from him, the Boy, being poor, used to wait in *Clare-Market*, to run of Errands, where the Prisoner kept his stall; but no Evidence could swear, that the Prisoner was the Person, that beat him; for the Boy only said, that it was a Butcher in *Clare-Market*, next door to one Mrs. *Moor*, but he did not know him, it did not appear to be the Prisoner; for he had always been very kind to the Boy, so he was Acquitted.

John Adams of *St. Andrews Holbourn*, was tryed for stealing a black Gelding value 8^l. from *Thomas Tipping Esq*; the Evidence was, That the Horse was brought to the Prisoners shop, he being a Farrier, to be drest, having a sore shoulder, by a stranger, who said, that the Horse was sent by the Lady *Eiberidge*, which was a feign'd story in the Person, that brought the Horse; for she sent no such Horse, and the Prisoner afterwards absconded himself, and left the horse in the Prisoners hands; the Prisoner gave a fair Account of his honesty, and what he did was through Ignorance: So he was Acquitted,

John Millet was indicted for breaking the house of one *John Baker* of *Stepney* Widow, on the 13th of *November* last, taking away 6 Holland Covers, value 2^s. a Waistcoat value 10^s. and some other Goods; the Prisoner broke open the door, and took away the things, and there was a Man late by the fire in the mean time, who caught her in the Fact, the Prisoner said, that she was troubled with the Falling-Sickness, and so fell into the house, the door being open, but that was but a frivolous Excuse, so she was found Guilty of Felony and Burglary.

James Bruce, a Scotchman, was tryed for stealing 14 yards of Linnen Cloth out of the shop of Mr. *Charles Murray* on the 17th of *November* last; he came into the shop, and took the Cloth, and run a little way with it, and then was taken with the Cloth about him, which he could not contradict; so he was found Guilty.

Thomas Mercy, a Bayliff's Follower, was tryed upon two Indictments, for that he together with *John Laurence*, not taken, did rob *Nicholas Barbone Esq* at *Hillson* on the 30th of *November* last, of a Pea-ben value 20^d. three Turkeys price each 18^d. the Evidence was, that the Prisoner was in possession of the Goods of a person, near Mr. *Barbone's* house, and *Laurence* was seen to take up the Pea-ben and Turkeys, which were afterwards found in both their custodys; and it was further proved by a Boy, who was an Evidence against him, that the Prisoner gave him 6^d. to conceal the matter; he was found Guilty of the Indictment.

The second Indictment was against him and *Laurence* for robbing one *Thomas Bisset* of the above said Parish, of a pair of Holland sheets, some Table Cloths, and other Linnen, and Household Goods of good value; the Evidence against him was

was, that he being in execution with *Lawrence of Bushell's* goods, did make sale of them, and after that they did convert some of them to their own use, which was a misapplying of their Warrant, and looks upon to be Felony in the Prisoner: so he was found Guilty of this Indictment also.

Mary Horsepool was tried for robbing *William Ruffel* of the Parish of St. Bridget, on the 30th of November last of a Cloth Cloak value 4^l. 3 yards of Velvet, value 30 s. Mr. Ruffel swore, that the Prisoner was his servant, and that he had lost several goods before, and the goods charged in the Indictment were found at a Pawn-Brokers (one Mr. Dormers) in Field-Lane, the Prisoner confest the Fact, when taken, and did not much deny it at her Tryal; so he was found Guilty.

Dorothy-Lord, alias *Arkyn* was tried for breaking the house of *Charles Rogers* in the Parish of *Albure* of one Watch with a silver Case, value 30 s. one Clock value 20 s. twenty pieces of broad Gold, value 24 s. each, twenty Guinea's, and 160 l. in Money: Mr. Rogers swore, that the Prisoner was a Chare woman in his house, and tubing under the Bed, the Prosecutors Keys fell down from a private place at the Bedhead, which the law, a little after this three Fellows, who lodged where the Prisoner lived, came in to Mr. Rogers Chamber, about two a clock in the Morning with Candles in their hands, and swore most horrible Oaths at him, that he was a dead Man; if he did offer to molest them, and then bound him, and robbed him, and are since fled. The Prisoner was further heard to say, that Mr. Rogers had good feathers to pull, and therefore she would not leave his Service, or to that effect: but this being but circumstantial Evidence, she was Acquitted.

Robert Charfield and *John Beamore*, alias *Pemore*, were both Indicted for stealing a Barrow Hog, value 20 s. a Sow value 20 s. on the 9th of November last; the Goods of *Simon Netel*. Mr. Netel said that he lost 9 Hogs in all, which were stole out of his Yard, at *Hornchurch* in *Essex*; and afterwards he found them all again, where the Prisoners had sold them, and they were taken as they were driving some of the Hogs along the Road, the Prisoners could not gainsay it, so they were both found Guilty of Felony.

Elizabeth Clark was tried for stealing on the 3^d of July last, a Silver Cup, value 3 l. 2. Taffers 6 s. 2. Thimbles, 2 Pair of Clasps, some Hoods and Scarves, &c. the Goods of *Francis Pennington*; the Evidence was *Pennington* himself, who said that the Prisoner lodged in his House, and took his Goods and pawn'd them in *Bull-Smithfield*, where he had them again; the Prisoner said that the Prosecutor gave her the Clasps and the other Things; but that was but a Shame, so she was found Guilty of Felony.

Daniel Bransbury, a Boy was Indicted for Robbing one *Philip Weston*, on the 7th instant of a black Cloak, value 10 s. a Cloth Coat, value 5 s. the Boy took them out of a Coach-box, and run away with them; but being stop'd, they were taken upon his back; The Prisoner said, that they were delivered to him by another Boy, who was fled; but could not prove it, so he was found Guilty.

Richard Taylor of *Stepney*, was tried for stealing a wooden Gate, with Iron Hinges, value 5 s. on the 17th day of October last; the Prisoner was taken with the Iron in his Custody; but he said he bought it aboard a Ship, and the Evidence being not positive that he stole it, he was acquitted.

Thomas Clench and *George Clench* Brothers, of *White Chappel*, were Indicted for that they, together with one *Thomas Curry*, not taken, did murder one *Susannah Cox* a Girl, on the 21st of August, with a Stone, throwing it at the Head of the Girl,

gave her a Bruise, of which Wound she dy'd within Six Weeks afterwards. The Evidence swore that the Prisoners, and one more were going along *Goodmans-fields*, where the Girl was; and one of them threw a Stone at some Boys that were flying a Kite, and the Girl standing in the Way, received the Wound in her Head, which the Chyrurgeon declared was the Cause of her Death. The Prisoners were heard to confest, that they did throw Stones at the Boys, but they deny'd it at their Tryal; and there was no Malice proved, yet the Matter seem'd to affect *Thomas Clench* most: So he was found Guilty of Manslaughter; but *George* was acquitted.

George Casewell of *St. Martins* in the *Fields*, Gent. was tried for the Murder of one *Andrew Hickson*, on the 1st of November last, giving him one mortal Wound in the Belly of the depth of Six Inches, of which he dyed on the morrow; The Prisoner came into an Ale-house, with *Hickson*, in *Bohm Street*, and called for a Pot of Drink, and immediately he drew his Sword, and run the said *Hickson* into the Belly: And the Prisoner confest before the Justice, that there was an old grudge betwixt them; and that the Prisoner had urged the Deceased for 24 hours before to fight him; and because he refused, he took his Sword and stuck him: the Matter was very plain against him, and he had nothing to say material for himself, so he was found Guilty of willful Murder.

John Barret of *White Chappel*, was tried for Felony and Burglary, in breaking the House of one *John Smith*, with an intention to steal his Goods, on the 20th of October last; the Prisoner was found in the House about seven a Clock at Night, the Door being open; but was fast lockt before: The Prisoner deny'd it, and faulted in his Allegations, and there was no one else found in the House but the Prisoner, so he was found Guilty, both of Felony and Burglary.

Susan Stanley of *Stepney*, was tried for stealing a Silver Seal, value 12 d. a Key, value 1 d. and 17 s. in Money, the Goods of one *John Metcalfe*, on the 13th of November, who said that he met the Prisoner in the Street, and went into a House to drink, where she pickt his Pocket of the above said Money, but the Prosecutor could swear but to One half Crown, that the Woman had, which he might easily mistake, so she was acquitted.

Thomas Taylor was arraigned, and tried upon two several Indictments, the first for robbing one *Ralph Azonby* of *Illegston*, of 2 Cloth Coats, value 45 s. 2 Silk Scarves, value 14 s. a Lac'd Tippet, and divers other small Goods. The second for setting Fire on the Barn, and burning the Hay therein, value, 30 s. being the Barn and Hay of one *Thomas Sedgwick* of *Illegston* above said. The Evidence against him was, that the Barn being near the House, on a sudden it fell a Fire, and the Prisoner was seen near it, Crying out, Fire, fire, after which whilst the Family went out of the House, to quench the Fire, he went up Stairs into the Chamber, where the Prosecutors Wife was, and pretending to help her away with the Goods, to save them from the Fire, he run away with the Parcels beforementioned; he deny'd the Facts, but that was to no purpose; for it was fully proved, so he was found Guilty of both Indictments.

Immediately after this, he was try'd upon a Third Indictment, for breaking the House of *Seble Bunkley* of *Hackney*, about Twelve a Clock at Night, on the 23rd day of November last, and carrying thence, a Diaper Table-Cloth, value 3 s. 6 d. and some Napkins. The Evidence declared that the House was broke open, and the Goods were took in the Prisoner's custody; besides the same Night, the Robbery was done, there was another Barn burnt, near the same place. The Prisoner said he found the Goods; but that did not avail him, for the

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Court sentenced it as a most Notorious, New-found, base way of stealing, so he was found guilty of the Indictment.

John Wright, alias *Randall*, was tried for stealing 2 Silver Tankards, value 10 l. on the 5th of this instant December. The Tankards were found about him, by the Watch being stopt, when he was running away with them; he denyed it and said that he found them, but that was but a lame Excuse, so he was found guilty of Felony.

William Harvey was tried for the Murder of one *William Sillock*, in St. Katharines Parish, the manner thus: The Prisoner was found by the VVatch, lying upon the Ground, with a Knife all bloody in his Hand, with which he had stabbed the said *Sillock*; it happened that a scuffle arose between the Prisoner and the Deceased, as they were drinking, in the midst of which, *Sillock* was stabbed; but none saw him give the VVound, but *Sillock* was seen to fall down dead in the place: It was further Deposed, that the Prisoner stobbed two Persons more at the same time, viz. one *Thomas Kates*, and one *John Smith*; the former of which recovered, and was an Evidence against the Prisoner in Court; but *Smith* died the next day, one thing may be Noted, that *Smith* was the Prisoner's friend; but the business being done in the Street, in the dark, he mistook, and stabbed his own Friend instead of another Man: The Prisoner urged that he knew not what he did being in drink; and that the deceased *Sillock* struck him first; but none could prove that, and it was lookt upon to be no less than a base and wilful Murder, so he was found guilty of the same.

Thomas Thomas of St. Brides Parish, was tried for robbing one *John Watkins* of the same, of a Looking-glass, value 2 s. One old Periwig, value 6 s. two Pewter Plates, &c. The prosecutor swore, that his House was broken open in the Night, and that the Prisoner was met, running without his Hat, from the Door, crying out, Stop him, stop him; but nothing was found about him, he was only Indicted upon Suspicion; and the Evidence was something short, so he was acquitted.

William Harvey was a second time indicted, on London side, for the Murder of *John Smith*, his friend mention'd in his former Tryal; It was deposed, that *Smith* and the Prisoner were drinking till Twelve a Clock, at the end of the Minories, as also *Thomas Kates*; and he stob'd him in the Belly four Inches deep; The Prisoner pleaded that he was in drink, and could not remember any thing that he had done as he said before, he had very little to say, so in the end he was found guilty of wilful Murder.

John Wright was Indicted for that he, together with one *Edward Shelton* and *William Hilsey*, not taken, did rob one *Anthony Goodman* of a black Cloth Coat, value 13 s. 1 Shirt, One Womens Cloth Gown, value 3 l. 1 Petticoat, value 20 s. another Petticoat, value 3 s. 1 Pair of Boddices, value 3 l. 1 Sartin Gown, value 3 l. &c. The Prisoner hired a Lodging of the Prosecutor, and lay three Nights there; and then brought the other Persons to lie with him, and took away the Goods, as was suspected by the prosecutor; but the Prisoner had some of his Friends in Court, who gave a very good Account of his former behaviour, and the Matter really favour'd of Malice in the bottom, so he was at length acquitted.

P — K —, the Wife of one P — of St. Dunstons in the West, was Indicted for high Treason in Clipping, Filing and Diminishing the currant Coyn of this Kingdom: The discovery was made by the Apprentice, who finding the Closet Door open, in the Chamber, out of curiosity, went into it to see it; and there found several parcels of Clippings, after which, he made it known, and search being fur-

ther made into the Closet, there was found several parcels of Clippings, with Shears, and all other things necessary for that Trade. The Evidence further was, that she was wont to send melted Silver abroad to sell by the Apprentice, &c. The Prisoner said that the Closet was her Husbands, who was gone away, and she knew not how the things came there; and as for sending melted Silver abroad to sell, she said it was usual for their Trade so to do; and she did it by her Husbands Order: And her Husband being dead, the Court Maturely considered of the Matter of Fact, how that it was probable enough that P — himself was really the Clipper; so in fine she was discharged.

Richard Jackson was Indicted for stealing from *Julien Maf* Widow of *Whitchappel*, on the 26th day of November last, two Suits of Hangings stuffs, value 5 l. a Suit of Cloth Hangings, value 8 l. a Chest of Drawers, value 30 s. four Pictures, value 12 s. one other Picture, value 30 s. an Iron grate, value 40 s. 9 d. two Rat-Traps, value 12 s. some Pot-Racks and Hangers, and a Frying pan and some Knives, and other small household goods, &c. of good value; the Evidence for the King swore, that several of the Goods were found in a place, where the Prisoner had sold them, as a Chest of Drawers, and some Hangings, &c. which Mrs. Maf owned to be hers, the Prisoner feignedly excused himself, by telling the Court, that he bought them of another Man, and paid 23 s. for them, which he could not prove, so he was found Guilty of Felony.

Mary Cook Wife of *Patrick Cook* was Indicted first for robbing *Nicholas Smithson* of a Mare, value 5 l. 1 d. For robbing *Michael Hobbs* of a Gelding, value 5 l. the Evidence against her for stealing the Mare, was that she sold the Mare to *Patrick Cook* at *Reston* (who went for her Husband) where she toll'd them by the Name of *Mary Edwards*, that being her Maiden-Name, confessing since, that her Husband stole them; but this was Accounted no Evidence, so she was Acquitted.

The Evidence against her concerning the Gelding was to the same effect; and no positive proof could be brought against her for it; so she was Acquitted likewise of this second Indictment.

Thomas Franks, a reputed Jesuite, was Indicted for a high Misdemeanor, for that he being an evil disposed Person, and of very ill Fame, intending to disquiet and disturb the Peace and Tranquility of the Kingdom of England, and to deter Their Majesties Liege people from their Obedience to our most Gracious Lord and Lady, King *William* and Queen *Mary*. Did on the 5th. day of February last, hire a Ship to convey several persons into France, who were open and profest Enemies to our King and Queen; whose Names were particularly mentioned in the Charge against him, being Collonel *Graham* (the Lord *Prestons* Brother) — Mr. *William Penn*, Sir *William Wallis*, and the late Lord Bishop of *Ely*, who were all to be conveyed in the Ship aforesaid, which he the said *Franks* hired of one Mr. *Low*, at a House where he met him in *Fullers Rents*, where he bargained with him for 16 Guineas, out of which he was to have one for himself, and because Collonel *Grymes* and the Bishop of *Ely* were pusillanimous Men, there were Blinds to be contrived in the Rounds of the same Ship, to keep them from being discovered, and to give them Air, and one was to be on the one side, and the other on the other side; and furthermore, the King's Council gave the Jury to understand, that the prisoner was guilty of speaking very Scandalous and Seditious VVords against the Government, viz. That Sir *William Wallis*, was to be a leading Man, and after he had been with King *James* and the French King. He was to return into Scotland, and there to head an Army, against our King and Queen; and one Major *Holmes*, he said, was to head an Army of